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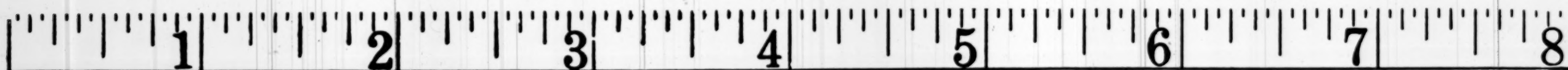
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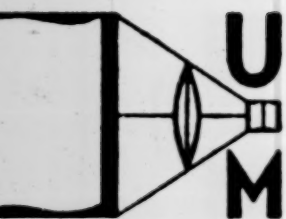
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THE  
GREAT MYSTERY  
OF  
GODLINESS:

JESUS CHRIST our Lord  
GOD and MAN, and  
MAN with GOD;  
One in  
JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

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1 COR. 2. 6, 7, 14.

*We speak wisdom among them that are perfect; yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the Princes of this world that come to nought; But we speak the wisdom of God in a Mystery.*

*But the naturall man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishnesse unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned.*

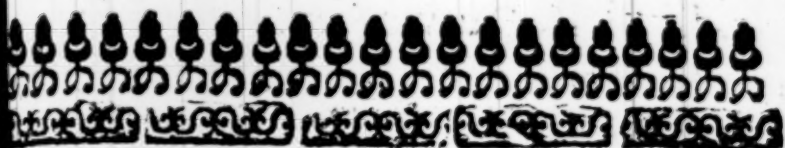
*Gal. 3. 28. Ye are All, One, in Jesus Christ.*

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# THE MYSTICALL

Union of CHRIST and  
his CHURCH;

Grace, Mercy and Peace with all  
spirituall and speciall blessings of  
Heaven be multiplied upon you and in  
you, by the blessed Spirit from God  
the Father through CHRIST  
JESUS our Lord.

*Amen.*



Q. What must you do to be  
holy here, and happy  
hereafter?

A. Two things; First,  
Know CHRIST,

*John, 17. 3.*

Secondly, Be knit unto him, *John*  
*7. 21, 22, 23, 24.*

Q. By what meanes may we come  
to this?

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A.



*A. First, Outwardly.*

- 1. In the Word I am taught to know him *Joh. 17.8.*
- 2. In the Sacraments I am tied and knit to him, *1 Cor. 10.61.*

*Secondly, inwardly*

- 1. By Faith on my part, *Eph. 3.17. Gal. 3.27, 28, 29.*
- 1. Grounded on the Word wherein I receive him.
- 2. Growing in the Sacrament wherein I am received into him.
- 2. By the Spirit on Gods part, *1 Cor. 6.17. and 12.13.*
- 1. Assuring Christ unto me in the Word, *Eph. 1.13.*
- 2. Sealing Christ unto me in the Sacrament, *Rom. 4.11.*

This is my Body, so the Word saies without, when the bread is given in the Sacrament, and so the Spirit speaks within, assuring, yea,

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1. The Body of Christ as verily present to the faithfull, as the bread is to the receiver, *1 Cor. 11. 24, 26.*
2. The faithfull partaker of Christs Body as verily as of the bread which he eates, *1 Cor. 10. 16.*
3. The faithfull one with Christs Body as verily as the bread received & eaten is one with his body that feeds upon it, *1 Cor. 12. 12.*



PART. L.

*Quest.* **W**Hat is it to know Christ?

4. To find {

1. The want of Christ, *Phil. 3. 7.*
2. The worth of Christ, *Phil. 3. 8.*
3. A willingnesse in me to receive Christ, *Phil. 3. 9, 10, 12, 14.*

First,

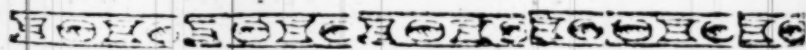
First, when I feele the want of Christ in respect of the guilt and filth of sin in me. Secondly, find the worth of Christ to pardon and purge my sin. Thirdly, feele and find a willingnesse in me to receive, Christ, that is, to accept of him on his own conditions.

1 Not only to be my Priest and Jesus to save me by his blood, *Heb. 2. 17*

2 Nor only to be my Prophet and Christ, to teach me by his Word, *Act. 3. 22.*

3 But also to be my Prince & Lord to rule mee by his Spirit, leaving my old lust, and living by his laws, denying my selfe, and delighting to do whatever he commands, *Act. 5. 31.*

Then I know Christ, and this is to beleeve in him. Read 1 *Joh. 1. 6, 7.* and *cha. 2. 1, 2, 3, 4.* So *Mat. 28. 20.* *Mar. 9.* from *v. 43.* to the end. *Luke 6. 46 Joh. 15. 14.*



§. 1.

2. **H**ow do you know the want of Christ?

A. 1



*A.* 1 I am far and for ever in my selfe separated from God by my sin naturall and actuall, *Isa. 59. 2. Psal. 58 3. Ephe. 2. 13, 14.*

2 I am foully stained and stinking with all sin in my whole nature, soule and body, *Psal. 14. 3. and 51. 5. Rom. 3 from ver. 10. to 20.*

3 There is no power in me to think a good thought, or to keep any one of Gods commandements once in all my life, *2 Cor. 3. 5. Rom. 3. 9, 10. James 3. 2.*

4 There is no plague but is upon me, and for the sinfulness of my nature & sins of my life, every curse of God is on my soule and body in this life, and that which is to come, *Deut. 27. 26. & 28. 16 Mat. 25. 41.*

5 There is no good dwelling in my flesh, nay not onely an emptinesse of all good, but an enmity against it, *Gen. 6. 5. Rom. 7. 18. & 8. 7.*

6 I have no power to please God in any good I doe, *Rom. 8. 8. Prov. 15. 8. Heb. 11. 6.*

7 I have no hope to goe to heaven when I die, *1 Cor. 15. 50. Rev. 21. 27.*

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O how miserable and wretched is that man or woman that lives and dies (as many doe, *Mat. 7. 13.*) in this corrupt and cursed condition without Christ!



§. 2.

2. **VV**hat worth do you find in Christ?

A. 1. The excellency of his person, being the onely begotten, beloved Son of God, the heire of all things, the head of his Church, Angels, Principalities and Powers, being subject unto him, *Eph. 1. 21, 22. Col. 1. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. Heb. 1, 2, 3, 4. 1 Pet. 3. 22.*

2 The exceeding riches of his grace freely offered, and fully given unto me in the Gospel, *Eph. 2. 7. & 3. 8. Isay 61. 1. &c.*

3 The blessings that he brings, *Acts 3. 26. Eph. 1. 3.*

4 The graces that he gives, *John 1. 14. 16.*

O how happy is that man or woman that is made one with the Son of God!  
(how

(how few are they Christ knowes, *Mat. 7. 14.*) yet thrice happy is hee or shee that have him for their head and husband, who hath all power in his hands, all heavenly blessings to bestow upon them, all spirituall graces to give unto them, and an unsearchable riches of grace to endow them to eternall glory.

*Q.* What is the grace of Christ?

*A.* It is an honourable, holy and happy condition that Christ hath called me unto by the Gospel; who being the second *Adam*, received my nature unto himselfe, restored it with himselfe into favour with God againe from whom I fell; and raised my fallen nature into a higher favour and grace with God the Father then it was in the first *Adam* before his fall, *Eph. 2. 5, 6.*

*I* He hath taken my nature separated from God, and hath now united it to the Godhead for ever, *Joh. 1. 14. Heb. 2. 11, 14.*

*2* He hath sanctified my nature sinfull in me, but perfectly holy in him,  
*Luke*



*Luke 1.35. Joh. 17. 19. Heb. 7. 26.*

3 He hath in my nature fulfilled the whole Law for me, which I could never doe, *Rom. 10. 5. & 8. 4.*

4 Hee hath for my sin in my stead suffered the whole wrath of the Lord, the curse of the Law which I could never suffer, *Isa. 53. 4, 5. 2 Cor. 5. 21. Gal. 3. 13. 1 Pet. 2. 24.*

5 He filled my nature in himselfe with all grace, God gave him not the Spirit by measure, but being made flesh, we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, *John 1. 14. and 3. 34, 35.*

6 He fulfilled all righteousness that was to be done or suffered in life or death by me, in my nature, in whom God was well pleased, *Mat. 3. 15, 17. Mat. 12. 18.*

7 He raignes in my nature glorified above all in heaven, *Ephes. 1. 20.*



§. 3.

Q. **VV** Hy are you so willing  
to receive Christ?

A. That I may be knit unto him,  
*Gal, 3. 26. 28.*



PART. II.

Q. **VV** Hat is it to bee knit  
unto Christ.

A. To become one with him by  
his Spirit, and my faith looking up  
and laying hold on my nature in  
him, that as hee tooke my flesh and  
made it his, so I take his flesh and  
make it mine, that thus I might bee  
one with him and he with me. I dwell  
in him and he in me; hee dwelleth in  
me by faith, and I dwell in him in my  
flesh; that as my nature is become  
his, so all his might be mine, *Joh. 17.*

21. and 6.56. *Ephes. 3.17. Cant. 6.7.*

**Q.** How are you one with Christ Jesus?

**A.** 1. Not one in conceit and imagination.

2 Nor one in consent and affection.

3 Nor one in substance and transfusion, as if the Godhead or manhood of Christ were mixt with any substance.

4 But one in spirit, or rather one spirit, that is more, the self-same spirit dwelling in him, dwells in me: so uniting me unto him, that through his manhood from his Godhead, it conveys, and I receive all spirituall life in soule and body for ever, *1 Cor. 6.17 Rom. 8.11. Joh. 3.23. John 6.60.*

**Q.** What union then is this that is betweene Christ and you?

**A.** The nearest that may be imagined: for there is an union, first, of lineage or flesh; thus many kinsmen are one.

2 Of love or friendship; thus many men are one, *Acts 4.32.* the soule of



of *Jonathan* was knit to *David*, and this union of Spirits is nearer then the first of bodies.

3 Matrimoniall; thus man and wife are one, and this union is nearer then both the former, seeing married persons are not onely one in flesh, but in highest love and friendship; besides a man must forsake father, nearest flesh and friends to follow and cleave to his wife.

4 Mystically, thus Christ and his Church are one by a nearer union then all the three; for Christ is not onely, first, partaker of flesh and blood with us, *Heb. 2. 14.* Secondly, We are his friends, *John 15. 14.* Thirdly, he is our husband also, *Isay 54. 5.* Fourthly, But also he is our head, and we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bone; and this union is called Mystically, because it is more then any, unconceivable in thought, and unutterable by tongue; kinsmen, friends, and married ones must die, and then their union ends. But Christ hath so taken my flesh as never to be divided from

from it ; such a friend as not life nor death can divide me from him, whose love passeth all knowledge and time, loving me unto the end, and after all ; and not onely beloved, but I am betrothed and married to him for ever, and not onely betrothed, but I am of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones, nay, by faith I eate his flesh and drink his blood, what nearer union can be ?

*Q.* What is it to eat his flesh ?

*A.* 1. To apprehend, apply, and partake of his flesh as my owne, as the meat I eat is mine.

2 To beleeve that I am truely and really (though spiritually) united unto him, and one with him, of his bone, and of his flesh, as the meat I eat becomes one with my substance.

3 To expect in faith for all grace and growth in good strength in his services, quickning and comfort, and eternall life from the flesh of Christ : as the meat I eat maintaines life, gives nourishment and enables mee for all naturall actions, so doth Christ, for spirituall bread strengthens mans heart.

heart, and wine cheares it, so, and more in mee doth Christs flesh and blood.

2. How shall I make this knowledge of Christ effectuell, and the knot fast for ever?

A. 1. By a faithfull humble meditating on the grace of Christ, *Joh. 6. 43, 44, 45, 55, 56.*

2 By an affectionate hearty thanksgiving to God the Father who hath blessed me with all spirituall blessings in Christ, *Eph. 1. 3.*

3 By a fruitfull diligent growing in all the graces of the Spirit, *Joh. 15. 3.*

4. By fervent daily prayer to God the Father through Christ Jesus by the Spirit to enlighten and lead me to the love of God unto eternall life, *Eph. 1. 17. and 3. 19. 2 Thess. 3. 5.*



§. 4.

2. **H**ow doe you meditate on Christ?

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*A.* I desire to know Christ, not as one farre from mee, but as one with me, and I in him, and from him, or rather through my flesh in him, receiving all things from God the Father for my salvation. This is the meaning of that, *Joh. 6. 56.* spoken of before, to eate the flesh of Christ (*i.e.*) by faith to apply and truly to partake of Christs flesh as mine owne, and being out of my self, in it to have life, and through it to have all things that concerne grace and glory.

This is that *S. Paul* determined to know, onely Jesus Christ, and him crucified, *1 Cor. 2. 2. Gal. 2. 20.* for this excellent knowledge *S. Paul* counted all things but dung, that he might win Christ; what is that? That I might bee found in him not having mine owne righteousness but his, not my selfe, but him, *Phil. 3. 8, 9, 10.*

*Q.* What doe you meditate of in Christ?

*A. 1.* I finde my nature, soule and body united to God in him, and therefore feele my self reconciled, and

at one with God the Father; his Father, my Father, his God my God, *Joh. 14. 20. 21, 23. & 20. 17.*

2 I see my nature sanctified perfectly in his person, from which I seek a power to sanctifie mine more and more in my person, *Heb. 2. 11. John 17. 10.*

3 As hee hath fulfilled the law for me, so

1 In him God accounts me righteous, *Rom. 3. 22. 2 Cor. 5. 21.*

2 In me God accepts of my upright purpose to please him in all things for perfect righteousness, *Psal. 119. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.*

3 From him I receive a power to perform the whole law in every point, though not perfectly in the highest pitch and purity that the Law requires, yet (seeking and striving to perfection) pleasingly as God accepts in Christ Jesus; who fulfilling the Law for me in my flesh, which he took, writes the Law in me by his Spirit, which he gives, making me to delight in the Law of God in the inward man,

to be ready to doe his will, to have respect to all his Commandements, to refrain my feet from every evill way, to purge my self from all filthinesse of flesh and Spirit, perfecting holinesse in his fear, *Jer. 31. 33. & 32. 40. Heb. 8. 10. Rom. 7. 22. Psal. 40. 8. & 119. 6. 101. 2. 2 Cor. 7. 1 Phil. 3. 12, 13, 14, 15.*

4 He hath satisfied Gods justice in suffering in my stead, being made a curse for me, and in his own self bearing my sins in his own body upon the tree; so I look for

- 1 Peace in my self from above, being crucified with Christ, *Gal. 2. 20*
- 2 Power over sin within, being crucified with Christ in my corrupt nature, *Rom. 6. 6.*

Christ stood on the Crosse as my surety in my stead.

- 1 As a sinner; for he was made sin for me, *2 Cor. 5. 2.*
  - 2 As accursed, for hee was made a curse for me, *Gal. 3. 13.*
- So being one with him.

1 As hee in my nature is full of grace, so out of his fulnesse I looke to receive



receive grace for grace, *Joh. 1. 16. Col. 1. 9. & 2. 3, 9, 10.*

2 My best duties are in me damnable, but in Christ Jesus, God and Man, my Mediator and Master, my person is accepted, and all my actions pleasing, *Eph. 1. 6.*

3 I see my self shut out of Paradise, I have no hope of heaven in my selfe, a dead dog, a damned creature, an heir of hell; but God which is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith hee hath loved me when I was dead in sin, hath quickned me together with Christ, and raised mee up with him, and made me sit together in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. So then in Christ I rose, and in Christ now I reign in heaven being now on earth, (*i.e.*) I see by faith my own nature in Christ sitting at the right hand of God, who is my good and great high Priest,

In { 1 Presenting my person to the Father and making mee pleasing unto him, *Heb. 4. 14.*

{ 2 Perfuming my prayers, and praying for mee to his Father,

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*Heb.*

*Heb. 7. 25. Revel. 8. 3, 4.*

3 Preparing a place for me, and me  
for that place by his Spirit, *John*  
*14. 2, 16. Col. 1. 12.*



§. 5.

Q. **VV**hat are the blessings  
that Christ Jesus  
brings?

A. First, Eternall election to life in  
his Fathers love, *Eph. 1. 4.*

2 Adoption to become the son of  
God with himselfe, *Eph. 1. 5.*

3 Acceptation of my person, and  
all my actions in him, *Eph. 1. 6.*

4 Redemption of my soule and bo-  
dy by his blood; and justification,  
whereby I am fully cleared from Gods  
judgement, freed from Gods wrath,  
my sins forgiven, and I freely accoun-  
ted as just, *Eph. 1. 7.*

5 Vocation, whereby I am the cal-  
led of Christ Jesus, *Rom. 1. 6.* in the  
Gospel, wherein he hath abounded to  
me

me in all wisdome and prudence, having made knowne unto mee the mystery of his will, *Eph. 1.8,9.*

6 Eternall salvation, and an immortall inheritance in heaven with all Angels and Saints that ever were or shall be, *Eph. 1.10,11.*

And all this to the praise of the glory of his grace, *Eph. 1.6,12.*



§. 6.

**Q.** **VV**hat are the graces that Christ Jesus gives?

**A.** 1. Knowledge, *Col. 2.3.* to understand,

- 1 The Word of God and meaning of the Scriptures, *Luke 24.45.*
- 2 The will of God, *Iohn 15.15.* and the minde of Christ, *1 Cor. 2.16.*
- 3 The mysteries, of the kingdome of heaven, *Mat. 13.11.*
- 4 The misery, wretchednesse, blindness, poverty, nakednesse of my naughty nature, *Rev. 3.17,18. Rom. 7.18.*
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5 The graces of the Spirit in me, and the good things which are freely given unto mee of God through Christ Jesus, *1 Cor. 2. 12.*

2 Faith, with the beginning and increase thereof, *Mark 9. 24. Luke 17. 5. Eph. 2. 8.*

3 Repentance with a mourning melting spirit, *Acts 5. 31.* for every sin in my self and others by Christs look on me, *Luke 22. 61, 62.* and mine on Christ, *Zech. 12. 10.*

4 Love to God and men, good and bad, *Deut. 30. 6. Rom. 5. 5. 1 Thes. 4. 9. Mat. 5. 44.*

5 The feare of the Lord God, *Ier. 32. 40.* This covenant is made in Christ, *Heb. 8. 8.* therefore he gives it, working it in mee by his Spirit, and warning me of it by his Word, *Luke 12. 5.*

6 Hope of my inheritance in heaven, *Rom. 15. 13. 2 Thess. 2. 16.*

7 In a word all other graces springing from the Father, the fountaine of grace, conveied in Christ, through his flesh by his Spirit into my heart, shed

shed abroad and streaming on to everlasting life, *John* 4.14. & 7.37, 38. *Gal.* 5.22, 23, 24.



§. 7.

Q. **VV**hat must you doe on your part to continue your communion with God the Father in Christ Jesus by the Spirit?

A. 1. Generally.

1 Fly for my life every sin open or secret, and every appearance of evill that may separate betweene God and me, or make mee faile of his grace in Christ, or grieve his holy Spirit, *Esay* 59.2. *Heb.* 12.15. *Eph.* 4.30.

2 Follow after holinesse, and in all holy occasions, company and courses, commanded by God and commended by good men, continue and increase in all goodnesse & all good duties, cleansing my selfe continually from all filthinesse of flesh and spirit, perfecting holinesse in his feare, *2 Cor.* 7.1.

2 Par-

2 Particularly.

1 I give all diligence alwayes to make my calling and election sure,  
2 *Pet. 1. 10.*

2 Walke humbly with my God  
hourely, with a reverend awfull re-  
spect of his presence, fearing to offend  
his Majesty in any thing, *Mich. 6. 8*  
*Psal. 139. 2, 3.*

3 Renew my repentance daily for  
my hourely offences or frailty, confes-  
sing them in particular, and craving  
pardon, and purging, 1 *Joh. 1. 9.*

4 I humble my selfe weekly in fa-  
sting for some speciall sins and daily  
flips in his service, or my calling; put  
aside some houres, if I cannot a whole  
day, *Mat. 5. 20. and 6. 17.*

5 Remember to covenant monthly  
with my Lord in the Sacrament of the  
Body and Bloud of Christ Jesus, or as  
oft as it is administred, 1 *Cor. 11. 26.*

6 Once in the yeare cast up all my  
accounts, see how my Communion is  
increased, and my corruptions lesse-  
ned, and how far I am gone and grown  
in grace, and in the knowledge of

Christ



Christ, *Lev. 16. 34.* Once a yeare Merchants cast up their whole accounts, and Husbandmen know their increase of corne and cattell; So they who are wise Merchants and working Christians, may observe in themselves a change or increase in a yeares space, what cannot be so sensibly perceived in a short time.

7 The Christian Sabbaths and Saints must be my delight, holy and honorable, when, and with whom I have more opportunity and time to have communion with thy God, *Isa. 58. 13* *Psal. 16. 3.*

8 The Word of God must abide & dwell in me richly, wherein I may acquaint my selfe with my Masters will, my Fathers love, and communicate both to my fellow servants and brethren, *Col. 3. 16.*

9 Take heed of omitting any occasion of doing good, or receiving good in conference or company with men, or my good duty in publicke or private before God, *Mal. 3. 16.*

10 Beware of carelesse and customary

many performance of any holy duty, but do it in love of Communion with my God, that by every prayer I make, every word I heare, &c. I may come neerer to him in Christ Jesus; *Jer. 48. 10. Psal. 73. 28.*

11 Weane my selfe from the world, use the world as not using it, entangle not my self in other mens matters nor mine own, draw heavenly thoughts from earthly things, deny my selfe not only in indifferent, but in lawfull, yea necessary things, *1 Cor. 7. 31. & 6. 12.*

12 Watch my heart with all diligence, the rising of my lust, the checks of my conscience, the motions of the Spirit, &c. *Pro. 4. 23.*

13 Worke out my salvation with feare and trembling, striving harder running faster, and pressing on to the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, *Phil. 2. 12. and 3. 14.*

14 Observe still my present estate the tempter of my soule, my spiritual decayes, deadnesse, dulnesse, hardnesse of heart, security, strangenesse from God, I suffer not these to stay long up

on me, but stir up my selfe by repentance and prayer, and strengthen the things which remaine and are ready to die, *Rev. 3. 2, 17. and 2. 4, 5.*

15 Goe forward in good duties, fruitfull in good works, fervent in spirit, zealous in Gods cause, sensible of the least sinne, and above all things beware of barrenesse and back-sliding, and an evill heart of unbelieve in departing from the living God, *1 Cor. 15. 58. Col. 1. 10. Rom. 12. 11. 1 Thes. 5. 22. Heb. 10.*

16 Stir up my faith continually, seek to the Lord, strengthen it, study the promises, apply them perfectly, and in them Christ to thy selfe, sticke very fast unto the Lord, cleave unto him, cling about him, depart not from him, depend upon him, delight in him, and be thankfull to him, beleve and live in the light of his countenance, and of his Commandements, *Isa. 64. 7. 2 Tim. 1. 6. 1 Pet. 1. 13. Act. 11. 23.*

17 In my nearest approaches, and dearest imbraces by him, I am not too bold, but in my strongest feelings, sweetest



sweetest refreshments, spirituall consolations in Christ, comforts of the spirit, joy in Gods face and favour, I feare and tremble before him, *Psal. 11. 1 Pet. I. 17.*

18 Feare the Lord my God all my dayes, a feare not of distrust but of diligence to work, & jealousy to watch my selfe, a feare not servile only of his justice, but sonnelike of his goodnesse, a feare not to drive me from God, but to draw mee to him; wee cannot beleeve or love the Lord too much, but yet God doth not cocker his children, therefore when thou most beleevest that thou liest in the arms of his love, feare the more, lest then thou fall asleep, secure and sweetly sin: Satan seeks but this, to find thee thus, he cares not then, but rocks, sits by, and sings, and keeps thee fast asleep, with the sweet sound of faith and assurance *Pro. 28. 14.*

Oh the flights of Satan, the methods, mysteries, and depths of the Devill in our neere communion with God to cast us farthest from him!

19 Continue constant in prayer, watching thereunto with all perseverance, present my selfe oft before the Lord upon my knees, in my Closet, or some corner, if it bee but a word or two, 'twill increase my acquaintance and my communion with him; have my heart ever upward, heavenly and humble, sending up sometimes strong groanes, sudden sighs, short ejaculations, petitions or prayes in the midst of worldly affairs, callings and company, &c. when they think not of it, steale a secret thought to the throne of grace, and my Father which seeth in secret, &c. *Luk. 18. 1. Eph. 6. 18. Col. 4. 2. 1 Per. 4. 7. Neh. 2. 4.*

§. 8.

**2. VV**hat should you especially pray for?

**A. 1** That the God of our Lord Iesus Christ, the Father of glory may give unto me the spirit of wisdom and reve-

revelation in the knowledge of him; The eye of my understanding being enlightened, that I may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the Saints: And what is the exceeding greatnesse of his power to us-ward, who beleeves according to the working of his mighty power.

- 1 pardoning all my finnes against him, *Num. 14. 17.*
- 2 Subduing the power of every sin in me, *Mich. 7. 19.*
- 3 Sanctifying me more and more in spirit, soule, and body blamelesse, *1 Thes. 5. 23.*
- 4 Strengthening mee in all his services, *Isa. 40. 29.*
- 5 Supporting me in all my sufferings, faintings, feares, *Isa. 41. 1.*
- 6 Supplying all my wants exceeding abundantly above all that I can aske or think, *Eph. 3. 20.*
- 7 Saving me to the uttermost from all evill, *Heb. 7. 25.*
- 8 Preserving me to salvation, that I fall not from good, *1 Pet. 1. 5.*
- 9 Preserving me



9 Presenting me faultlesse before  
his glorious presence with joy,  
*Jude 24.*

10 Raising me at the last day, and  
changing my vile body that it  
may be like unto his glorious  
Body, according to his mighty  
working, &c. *Phil. 3. 21.*

Which he wrought in Christ when he  
raised him from the dead, and set him  
at his own right hand in the heavenly  
places, far above all principality, and  
power, and might, and dominion, and  
every name that is named, not only in  
this world, but also in that which is to  
come: And hath put all things under  
his feet, and gave him to be the head  
over all things to the Church; which  
is his Body, the fulnesse of him that fil-  
leth all in all, *Eph. 1. 17, 18, &c.*

2 That God would grant me accor-  
ding to the riches of his glory, to be  
strengthened with might by his Spirit  
in the inner man, that Christ may  
dwell in my heart by faith, that being  
rooted and grounded in love, I may  
be able to comprehend with all Saints

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what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height: And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that I may be filled with all the fulnesse of God, *Eph. 3. 16, 17, 18.*

1 The fulnesse of the knowledge of his Will, *Col. 1. 9.*

2 The full assurance of his favour, *Col. 2. 2.*

3 The fulnesse of all grace in Christ Jesus.

4 The fulnesse of all joy in the holy Ghost, unspeakeable and glorious, not only in the feelings of faith, but of afflictions, *1 Pet. 1. 6, 8. Rom. 5. 3.*

5 The fulnesse of glory in his heavenly kingdome at his right hand, when he sits to intercede for mee and his whole mystical body, to raigne in us his members, and over his and our enemies, till the last day, when he shall deliver up the kingdome to God the Father, *1 Cor. 15. 28.* Then Cod shall be all in all, when wee shall bee filled with the fulnesse of God, and see him face to face. Now we see God the Father mediately in the face of Christ,

then

then we shal see him immediately face to face with Christ: yet without a Mediator; now we are filled with the fulnesse of Christ only, then we shall be filled with the fulnesse of God alone.

1 We are the fulnesse of Christ who being his members, he accounts himselfe but maimed without us, *Eph. 1. 23*  
*1 Cor. 12. 12.*

2 We have the fulnesse of God, in Christ, who being our head, supplies by his Spirit all things unto us, that can be had in God the Father, or from him, what ever can make us:

{ 1 Holy in him here, } *Eph. 3. 19.*  
{ 2 Happy with him } *1 John 1. 3.*  
hereafter.

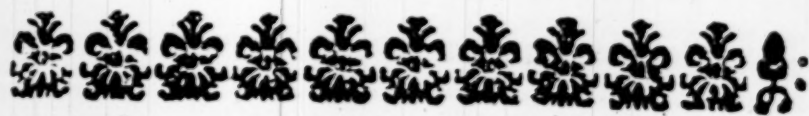
Now unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we aske or thinke, according to the power that worketh in us: unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end, Amen, *Eph. 3. 20, 21.*

In him (that is Christ) we actually are by our actuall incorporation into that society which hath him for their  
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head, and doth make together with him one body (he and they in that respect having one name, 1 Cor. 12. 12.) for which cause by vertue of this mystical conjunction, we are of him and in him, even as though our flesh and bones should be made continue with his. *Hooker pag. 123.*

*Ergo gratulemur & agamus gratias, non solum nos Christianos factos esse, sed etiam Christum. Intelligitis, fratres, gratiam Dei super nos; capitis, admiramini, gaudete. Christus facti sumus; Si enim ille caput est, & nos membra, totus ille homo & nos. August. in Iohan. tract. 31.* Let us rejoyce and give thanks, that we are not onely made Christian men, but also made Christs Brethren; yee understand the grace of God, that is upon us; ye understand it, ye wonder at it. Rejoyce ye, we are made Christ. For if he be the head and we the members, both he and we are one whole man.



The Mystery of J E S U S

CHRIST, *Emmanuel*

G O D with us.

*The Mystery of Incarnation.*

God with us : receiving us into himself, uniting our nature with his into the person of his Son, *Mat. 1. 23. Joh. 1. 14. Heb. 2. 16. 1 Tim. 3. 16.*

*God with us.*

*The Mystery of Reconciliation.*

God with us : reconciling us unto himself, accepting our persons, not imputing our sins by the blood of his Son, *2 Cor. 5. 18, 19.*

*God in Christ.*

*The Mystery of Regeneration.*

God with us : renewing our natures to be like himself, partakers of the  
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divine nature, changing us into his owne Image by the Spirit of his Son, *Col. 1. 27, 28. 2 Cor. 3. 18. 2 Pet. 1. 4.*

*Christ in us.*

*The Mystery of mystical Union.*

God with us: uniting our persons to his Son by his Spirit and our faith, wherby we are members of Christs body, of his bone, and of his flesh, which we feed on, finding life, grace, and spirituall strength, conveyed through it by the Spirit from God the Father, *Eph. 5. 30, 32. Ioh. 6. 56, 60.*

*We in Christ.*

*The Mystery of the Gospel.*

God with us: who were without God, without Christ, without hope or mercy, no people, strangers from the Common-weale of Israel, and covenant



covenant of promise, enemies of God, children of his wrath, in the power of the Devil, sitting in darkness and shadow of death, dead in sins, and the damnation of hell, at that time we were thus, being Gentiles, till Christ came in the flesh: and at this time we are thus, being as Gentiles, till our effectually Calling by Christs Spirit, *Eph. 2. 12. & 3. 3, 5.*

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*We with Israel.*

*The Mystery of the first Resurrection.*

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God with us: in calling home his old people Israel (who are now as we were) into one Church with us to confesse, professe and praise Christ Jesus our Lord, together on earth, *Rom. 11. 25.* The Jewes restoring a resurrection, *Rom. 11. 15.* (that is) the first resurrection, *Rev. 20. 5, 6.*

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*Israel with us.*

*The Mystery of the second Resurrection.*

God with us : In calling us all up by the sound of a Trump, at the second comming of Christ, changing our bodies and carrying us up both body and soule to meet the Lord Jesus in the aire, where and when the whole Church militant and triumphant, the family in heaven and earth, both Jew and Gentile, and all the Israel of God shall meet at once, and so wee shall ever bee with the Lord, *1 Cor. 15. 51. 1 Thess. 4. 17.*

*All Israel, and we with God.*

The first Mystery was God	} And God
with us,	
The last Mystery shall bee,	} All in All.
we with God,	

*1 Cor. 15. 28.*

Though I understand all	} I am no-
Mysteries, and have not	
love,	

*1 Cor 13.*

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In { The state of Nature- { or  
                Damnation — {  
*Flesh.*

■ There is therefore now no condemnation to ————

Who walke not after the flesh ————

They that are after the flesh do mind  
the things of flesh. ————

The carnall mind is enmity against  
God, for it is not subject unto the  
Law of God, neither in deed can be:  
so then they that are in the flesh cannot  
please God, *ver. 7, 8.*

Now then Brethren wee are debtors  
not to the flesh, to live after the flesh,  
but yet if ye live after the flesh, yee  
shall die, *ver. 12.*

Now the works of the flesh are manifest,  
which are adultery, fornication,  
uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry,  
witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation,  
wrath, strife, seditions, heresies

Mans spirituall estate  
in Christ Jesus, or no.

{ In } The state of grace  
          { — Salvation.

*Spirit.*

—them that are in Christ Jesus.

—but after the Spirit, *Rom. 8. 1.*

But they that are after the Spirit, mind  
the things of the Spirit, *v. 5.*

But to bee spiritually minded, is life  
and peace, *v. 6.* but ye are not in the  
flesh, but the spirit, if so bee that the  
Spirit of God dwell in you; but if  
any have not the Spirit of Christ, he  
is none of his, *v. 9.*

But if through the Spirit yee mortifie  
the deeds of the flesh, yee shall live,  
*v. 13.*

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy,  
peace, long-suffering, gentlenesse,  
goodnesse, faith, meeknesse, tempe-  
rance, against such there is no law;  
and they that are CHRISTs  
have crucified the flesh, with  
the

*Flesh.*

resies, envyings, murthers, drunken-  
nesse, revellings, and such like; of  
which I tell you before, as I have told  
you in time past, that they which do  
such shall not inherit the kingdome  
of God, *Gal. 5. 19, 20, 21.*

2 If any man be ——— in  
Old things are passed away, ———  
If wee say wee have fellowship with  
with him, and walke in darknesse,  
we lie, 1 *Joh. 1. 6, 7.*

He that saith I know him, and keepeth  
not his Commandements, is a lyar  
1 *John 2. 4.*

He that committeth sin, is of the De-  
vill, 1 *Joh. 3. 8.*

Ye are of your father the Devill, and  
the lusts of your father ye will do, he  
also is a lyar, *Joh. 8. 44.*

*Caine* was of the wicked one, and slew  
his brother; and wherefore slew hee  
him? because his own works were  
evill, and his brothers good, 1 *John*  
3. 12.

The wicked shall be turned into hell,  
and all the nations that forget God,  
upon



*Spirit.*

the affections and lusts thereof.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us walke  
in the Spirit, *Galat. 5. 22, 23,*  
*24, 25.*

Christ, he is a new creature  
— All things are become new, *2 Cor.*  
*5. 17.*

Hethat saith he abideth in him, ought  
himselſe also to walke, as he walked,  
*1 Ioh. 2. 7.*

But who so keepeth his word, in him  
verily is the love of God perfected :  
hereby know we that we are in him,  
*1 Ioh. 2. 5.*

Whosoever abideth in him, sinneth  
not, *1 Ioh. 3. 6.*

Whosoever is borne of God, doth not  
commit sin, for his seed remaineth  
in him, so that he cannot sin, because  
he is borne of God, *1 Ioh. 3. 9.*

Marvaile not my brethren if the  
world hate you. We know we have  
passed from death to life, because we  
love the brethren, *1 Ioh. 3. 13.*

Blessed are they that do his Comman-  
dements, that they may have right